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APPLICANTS : LUTZ HEUER ET AL.
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APPLICANTS : LUTZ HEUER ET AL
SERIAL NO. : 08/888,609
FILED : July 7, 1997
FOR : MICROBICIDAL COMPOSITIONS
ART UNIT : 1617
EXAMINER : A. ROBINSON

July 10, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first paragraph the following new paragraph: -- This application is a

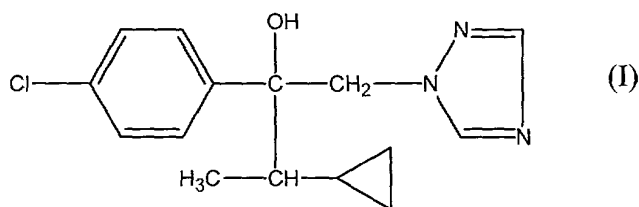
division of U.S. Serial No. 08/888,609, filed on July 7, 1997, now pending, which is, in turn, a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/542,566, filed on October 13, 1995, now abandoned, which is, in turn, a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/338,356, filed on November 14, 1994, now abandoned, which is, in turn, a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/128,450, filed on September 28, 1993, now abandoned. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all of the claims in the application and substitute the following new claims:

--7. An antimicrobial composition comprising a synergistically effective amount therefor of:

- a) a first ingredient, which is α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-cyclopropylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol of the formula (I):

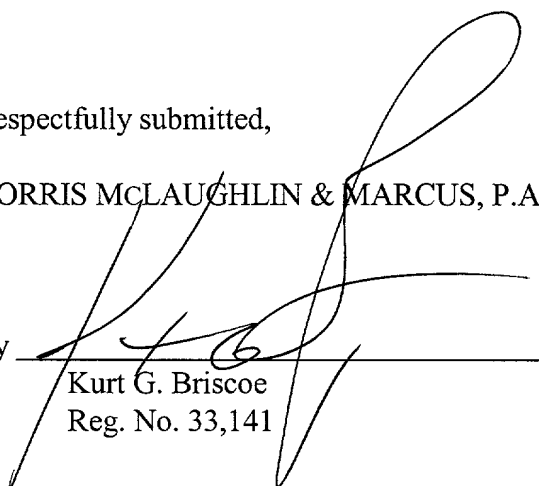


Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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